
Minutes

City of Tempe Transportation Commission

September 9, 2008

Minutes of the City of Tempe Transportation Commission held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 7:30 a.m., at the Hatton Hall Conference Room, 34 E. Seventh Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Don Cassano, Bill Haas, Jayson Matthews, Kevin Olson, Amanda Ormond, Edward Smith, David Strang, Bryan Young, Joan Westlake

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Marcellus Lisotta, Catherine Mayorga, Judi Nelson, Steven Saiz, Marco Valenzuela

City Staff Present:

Charles Chambers, Joe Clements, Dawn Coomer, Carlos de Leon, Heidi Graham, Dana Janofsky, Greg Jordan, Jason Hartong, Ryan Levesque, Elizabeth Mieth, Amanda Nelson, Bonnie Richardson, Robert Yabes, Shaun Yunt

Guests Present:

There were no guests present.

Jayson Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Kevin Olson made a motion to approve all minutes. David Strang seconded the motion. The following minutes were approved as submitted:

- Transportation Commission Minutes – June 10, 2008
- Transportation Commission Minutes – August 12, 2008
- Public Involvement/Marketing Committee – August 11, 2008
- Multi-modal Planning and Project Review – August 13, 2008

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Station Area Planning and TOD Text Revision

Dawn Coomer and Ryan Levesques provided the following information:

- Station Area Planning
 - Transit Oriented Design
 - Avoid blank walls, put building up to streets not parking, orient doors and windows towards the street.
 - Scale the details to the pedestrian.
 - Have plazas publicly accessible.
 - Stakeholder Input
 - Railroad crossing for pedestrians and bicycles are critical.
 - Key pedestrian access routes should get streetscape improvements.
 - Deep parcels can be challenging to develop.
 - New streets would help pedestrian bike and vehicle connectivity.
 - a) Stratton Lane to Apache
 - b) North-south between Lemon and Apache at Smith/Martin
 - c) North-south between Apache and Wildermuth
 - d) MacArthur to Apache at Esquer Park
 - e) East-west: Williams to Wildermuth?
 - Plan Recommendations
 - Sidewalks should be at least 14 feet wide along Apache, 6 feet in residential areas and improved crossings and streetscapes on key station access routes.
 - Shading should increase from 33% to 50%.
 - Parking
 - a) Encourage “unbundling” of parking spaces from residential units and shared parking mixed-use developments.
 - b) Adjust TOD parking standards to encourage office use.
 - c) Design parking facilities so as not to detract from the pedestrian environment.
- TOD Text Revision
 - Clarify the “Opt-In” procedures for nearby properties and its applicability.
 - Modifying the TOD Multi-Family District standards to allow increased maximum residential densities within the R-4 and R-5 districts.
 - Establish an Affordable Housing Density Program, whereby property owners requesting either an R-5 or MU-4 zoning are required to provide a percentage of affordable housing either for sale or rent.
 - Develop an Apache Boulevard Height Guideline within the study area of the Station Area Plan.
 - Modify Parking Requirements.
 - Clarify the hierarchy of Public Sidewalks.
 - Revise Station Area subsection of the TOD and incorporate area specific requirements that identify the unique station location needs.

Agenda Item 4 – Recommended Bus Service Changes for December 2008

Greg Jordan provided the following information:

- Route 40 on Apache/Main
 - West end of the route would end at Sky Harbor, Terminal 2.

- East end of route would be extended to Superstition Springs Mall.
- Route name would change from Red Line to 40 – Apache/Main.
- Route 1 on Washington/Jefferson
 - Route would be modified to serve Washington and Priest LRT Station.
 - Route would no longer serve downtown Tempe.
 - Route would be modified to serve the Phoenix Zoo.
- Route 30 on University
 - Frequency would be reduced to every 30 minutes instead of every 15 minutes during rush hour.
 - Route would be modified to serve Main/Sycamore Transit Center.
- Route 44 on 44th St/Tatum
 - Route would no longer serve Veteran's Way.
 - Route would be modified to serve the Transportation Center LRT Station.
- Route 56 on Priest Drive
 - Route would no longer serve downtown Tempe.
 - Route would serve Priest and Washington LRT Station.
- Route 72 on Scottsdale/Rural
 - Route would be modified to serve University and Rural LRT Station.
 - Route would be modified to serve the Transportation Center LRT Station.
- Route 76 on Miller
 - Route would serve downtown Tempe via Rural and University instead of Curry and Mill.
 - Route would be modified to serve Transportation Center LRT Station.
- Route 81 on Hayden/McClintock
 - Route would no longer travel on University Drive between McClintock Drive and College Avenue. Passengers would transfer at Apache and McClintock LRT Station to connect to downtown Tempe.
- Orbit Jupiter
 - Route would be modified to serve University and Rural LRT Station.
 - Route would be modified to serve Tempe Transportation Center LRT Station.
- Orbit Mars
 - Route would be modified to serve Price and Apache LRT Station.
- Orbit Mercury
 - Route would be modified to serve University and Rural LRT Station.
 - Route would be modified to serve Price and Apache LRT Station.
 - Route would be modified to serve Tempe Transportation Center LRT Station.

Agenda Item 5 – Capital Project Updates

Carlos de Leon and Bonnie Richardson provided the following information:

- College Ave Streetscape will be tested from the end of September to December 2008.
- Maple Ash/Mitchell Park East and West Traffic Calming will start it's test phase on September 11, 2008.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were proposed.

Jayson Matthews declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

The Commission's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

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